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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Edward J. Cain

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-13 and 15-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-13 and 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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The amendment received 27 August 2007 has been made of record.

Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-20 are pending.

Claims 1, 3-13, 15, 16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by WO '308.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '308 in view of Krishnan et al '372 and Harris et al '589.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnan et al '022 in view of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnan et al '022 in view of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnan et al '022 in view of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary.

Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krishnan et al '646 in view of Takayama et al '066 and Pennaz '351.

Each of these rejections is maintained substantially as set forth in the previous office action.

Applicants' arguments in traverse of these rejections focus on the allegation that the amended claims exclude water reducible oils. These arguments are not persuasive. Applicants' claims include plasticizer. Applicants define plasticizer to be tallate, phthalate and fatty acid esters and polyesters. WO '308, for example, defines their water reducible oils as including modified fatty

acids and polyesters. Applicants do not exclude water reducible esters and polyesters.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Cain whose telephone number is (571) 272-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 10:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached on 571 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

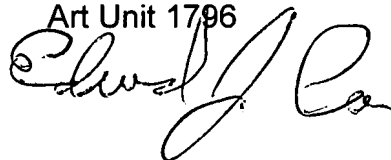
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Edward J. Cain
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Cain', written over the printed name and title.